MRS. LAUBER

papers from my term as
president of the
Living Desert Auxiliary
in Palm Desert

College foundation's party was a night for the senses

Special to the Desert Sun

PHANTOM GUEST: (Above) Sam Ross made a surpise visit at the Palm Valley women's golf auxiliary's fashion show-guest day. Sharing a moment with the Phantom are (from left) Lois Seder, event chairwoman Gladys Dukas and auxiliary chairwoman Gladys Weiss.

PARTYGOERS: The holiday party at Bullock's Wilshire, co-hosted by Laurice Rahme of Annick Goutal Parfums (center) was appreciated by College of the Desert auxiliary members Barbara Leberman and Walter Reed.

Fran Benes

When Bullocks Wilshire opened for partytime not long ago, it was a night when all five senses were seduced. It didn't take a sixth sense to know it was a great fund-raiser for the College of the Desert Foundation — and a social pleasure for the more than 400 who attended.

Along with the valets, the Palm Desert Children's Choir greeted all arrivals with their sweet carols. Guests were also promptly welcomed by Barbara Leberman, president of the Foundation's Auxiliary.

All through the store were stirring aromas of hot hors d'oeuvres mixed with heady Persian scents from the new Annick Goutal boutique, whiffs of fine cheeses, champagne and mixed drinks. Visual beauty surrounded everyone — not only with the special merchandise displays but with mobile models showing off such baubles as a 12½-carat canary diamond.

With distractions like these, not everyone did the pricey discount shopping that was the stated purpose of the event. Instead, they chose to chat with the likes of COD president Dr. David George, Foundation director Walter Reed, Cynthia and Dick Sayre, Anne Meyer and her model daughter, Joanna Hayes, Bob Leberman (in a decorative pink blazer), the charming B.W. people, the charming Auxiliary members and the very charming Mme. Laurice Rahme, president of the exclusive Annick Goutal Parfums of Paris. Door prizes, gift potions of perfumes and other niceties sent everyone home with the sweet smell of success for this first-of-a-kind benefit event.

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In an unprecedented show of hospitality, the auxiliary of the Living Desert seated 160 staffers, volunteers, trustees and their spouses at a holiday ham dinner held at the Living Desert in Palm Desert.

The brainchild of new auxiliary president Floretta Lauber, the party started with cocktails in a moonlit p[illegible] moved indoors for the dinner served by such standbys as Jane Roberts, Elinor Neal, Barbara Filiatreaux, Evelyn Goodbread and a dozen others.

"You can't beat the price!" member Ed Benson remarked, as he acknowledged such Living Desert leaders as Lady and Sherm Smith, Pat Riggs, Marge Potts, the Larry Spicers and executive director Karen Sausman.

"It's really, really generous of the auxiliary — a beautiful event," Sausman said, and was followed by much applause — especially for chairman Barbara Vail. The youngest of the auxiliary members, she served two terms as its president — duly noted by 100-year old Vince North who attended with Adele, Floyd Vail, the Gene Koehnes, the Bob Phipps, Augie Luhrsens and the others.

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Taking a break from the opera, the Phantom showed up at Palm Valley Country Club, joining 16 member-models on the runway at a post-luncheon fashion show, strewing bouquets with a flair and delighting the members' many guests.

The light-hearted affair was chaired by Gladys Dukas, with a lot of help from auxiliary president Gladys Weiss, Gwen Bihan, Lois Ceder and Pat Rasmussen of the pro shop. Loving it all, and talking over the morning's 18 holes were such guests as Lynn Elliott, Sheila Benson, Beatsie Bergeron, Pidge Stocker and Lee Pedicini. The latter two were in the winning low gross foursome with Judi Perego and Gladys Weiss and carried home baskets of goodies for their efforts. Others with take-homes were Anna Alderete, Loraine Levy, Marion Miller — and probably Sam Ross, minus his mask and cape.

Fran Benes' column appears Tuesdays and Thursdays in The Desert Sun.

Channel Guide — TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 12, 1989

			Hi Desert	Hot Springs	Warner	Palmer	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2	KCBS	CBS	2	2	2	2	CBS News (In Stereo) 🗨	Wheel of Fortune 🗨	Jeopardy! 🗨	**Rescue 911** A shooting is heard on the phone; the 1985 New Year's Eve fire in Puerto Rico. (In Stereo) 🗨		**Beauty and the Beast** (Season Premiere) Catherine is kidnapped while investigating a vast criminal empire. (In Stereo) 🗨				News	Pat Sajak
3	KESQ	ABC	12	24	3	3	ABC News 🗨	Wheel of Fortune 🗨	Jeopardy! 🗨	**Who's the Boss?** Mona gambles Jaguar away.	**Wonder Years** "Math Class Squared"	**Roseanne** "No Talking" (In Stereo) 🗨	**Coach** "If a Coach Falls in the Woods"	**thirtysomething** Power struggle at work causes Michael to recall a previous battle he lost. (In Stereo) 🗨		News	Nightline 🗨
7	KABC	ABC	7	7	7	7	News	ABC News 🗨	Eye on L.A.	Who's Boss?	Wonder Y.	Roseanne	Coach	thirtysomething		News	Nightline 🗨
6	KMIR	NBC		26	6	6	NBC News 🗨	**Entertainment Tonight** Kenny Rogers.	**Cheers** "Snow Job" Sam plans a ski weekend.	**Matlock** "The Buddies" Familiar suspects come to light when Ben reopens a 35-year-old murder case.		**In the Heat of the Night** "Vengeance" Bubba becomes a target after killing an attempted robber.		**Midnight Caller** An elderly shopkeeper kills an innocent man he believed was robbing him.		News	**Tonight Show** (In Stereo)
4	KNBC	NBC	4	4	4	4	NBC News 🗨	Ent. Tonight	Hard Copy	**Matlock** "The Buddies"		In the Heat of the Night		Midnight Caller		News	Tonight
5	KTLA	IND	5	5	5	5	Hunter Cont'd	Charles in Charge 🗨	**NBA Basketball**: Los Angeles Clippers at Portland Trail Blazers. (Live)					News		Cheers 🗨	Brothers
8	KCET	PBS	8	28	8	8	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour		Wild World of Animals	Nova 🗨		**American Experience** "Ballad of a Mountain Man"		Tom Peters: Thriving on Chaos		**Making of Mankind** "One Small Step" (Part 2 of 7)	
9	KHJ	IND	9	9	9	9	**NBA Basketball**: Los Angeles Lakers at Charlotte Hornets. Cont'd				News	Inside Edition	News	**Hart to Hart** "A New Kind of High"		Barney Miller	Love Connection
9	KECY	IND					Rescue	**Beauty and the Beast** (Season Premiere) (In Stereo) 🗨				News	Cheers 🗨	Pat Sajak		**Night Heat** "Masquerade"	
10	KTN	IND		16		10	Weight Room	Sports Shorts	**Tennis**: Steffi Graf vs. Zina Garrison. From Inglewood, Calif. (Live)					**Cycling**: ABA Grand Nationals of BMX.		**Auto Racing**: NASPORT.	
11	KTTV	IND	11	11	11	11	Family Ties	M*A*S*H (Part 1 of 2)	Current Affair	**Movie: ★★★ "The Seven Little Foys"** (1955, Musical) Bob Hope.				News		Comedy Express	Dragnet
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13	KCOP	IND	13	13	13	13	Growing Pains	Cosby Show (In Stereo) 🗨	Night Court	**Movie: ★★★ "Hotel"** (1967, Drama) Rod Taylor.				News		**Arsenio Hall** (In Stereo)	
13	KYEL	IND					Matlock	In the Heat of the Night		Midnight Caller		News	**Tonight Show** (In Stereo)		David Letterman		Bob Costas
20	K20CB	IND					**NBA Basketball**: Lakers at Hornets Cont'd		Four Star Playhouse	Total Recall	Golden Years	**Movie: ★★ "Saleslady"** (1938, Drama) Anne Nagel.			C. Martinson	**Movie: ★★½ "Out of the Blue"** (1947) George Brent.	
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HBO	Home Box Off.		21	6	22	22	**Movie: ★★½ "'Crocodile' Dundee II"** (1988, Comedy) Paul Hogan, Linda Koslowski. 'PG' Cont'd			**Movie: ★★½ "Alien Nation"** (1988, Science Fiction) James Caan, Mandy Patinkin. (In Stereo) 'R' 🗨			**Movie: ★ "Big Bad Mama II"** (1987, Drama) Angie Dickinson, Robert Culp. 'R'			**Movie: ★★ "Watchers"** (1988, Horror) Corey Haim, Barbara Williams. 'R'	
							Movie: ★★★ "King of Kings" (1962, Drama) Jeffrey Hunter, Harry Guardino.			**Movie: ★★½ "It Takes Two"** (1988, Comedy) George Newbern, Leslie Hope. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 🗨			**Movie: ★ "Alien From L.A."** (1987, Fantasy) Kathy Ireland, Thom Mathews. An explorer's daughter stumbles upon the lost city of Atlantis. (In Stereo) 'PG'			**Movie: ★★½ "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka"** (1988, Comedy) Keenan Ivory Wayans. (In Stereo) 'R' 🗨	
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'Thriving on Chaos' ponders gap between nice guy, S.O.B. bosses

Mike Hughes

For Tom Peters, this could ruin a good theory.

After years of studying the nation's best-run companies, he concluded that nice guys finish first. The most efficient operations seem to care about their workers and their customers.

But what can be made of the current S.O.B.-mania?

There is a flood of attention for people who stomped to the top. One (Gannett's Al Neuharth) called his autobiography "S.O.B."; others — from Donald Trump to Ted Turner — revel in similar approaches.

Don't they contradict Peters' theories? "I think there's some truth to that," he said. "Sometimes it takes a real egocentric, a real son-of-a-gun, to start something big."

Such matters are important to Peters, because he's turned his theories into three best-selling books. Now the third ("Thriving on Chaos") has become a special tonight at 10 on PBS (Channel 8).

So he's been pondering the gap between nice-guy and S.O.B. approaches.

Yes, he says, some moves are so ambitious that only a strong-headed person can pull it off. "If you have someone who can take great leaps, that takes a thick-skinned person. You don't expect a revolutionary to have a beatific smile."

He's particularly big on the young Apple computer founder. "Look at Steve Jobs. He is a real bull in a China shop, but he gets things done."

These people accomplish things because of their genius, perhaps. Their bullheaded approach is a side effect, not a success formula. "It is no endorsement of S.O.B. management. Abusing people is still counterproductive."

Now Peters has newer things to worry about. This is the time of "chaos," the time when old answers don't seem to work.

There is the competition from Japan and elsewhere, bringing new approaches. That means bureaucracies are leaner and more action-oriented. He quotes one executive: "We've got 112 years worth of closets to clean out."

That closet-cleaning, the subject of his book and his TV special, leaves many people uneasy. "For mid-managers, there's going to be a lot of pruning," Peters said. "Will you be a survivor or one who falls by the wayside."

It can be good news to executives who get results. "We've had a lot of incredibly intelligent people stuck in middle-management."

Some stay within the company, launching programs that work. "You can think of yourself as an outside consultant."

And some join the growing ranks of people who work on a job-by-job basis. "Essentially, you become a profit-making, outside consultant."

There are problems with that, but there can also be pay-offs for people who make things work. That becomes a creative solution to a time of pure chaos.

Mike Hughes writes about television for Gannett News Service.

celebrities unite

At Indian Wells club, golfers brave the heat

TROPHY TIME: Winning Mini Pow-wow awards at Indian Wells are (from left) Pat Hooper and Virgie Burger of Bermuda Dunes and Mary Andrews and Darlene Lee of La Quinta.

HOSTESSING: Floretta Lauber (left) chats with Irma Jury, owner of Clark Gable's former home, at Palm Desert Woman's Club tea.

Fran Benes

At Indian Wells the pale faces were flushed, the braves nowhere to be found and the Great Spirit's name frequently invoked. The heat wave was the first to be encountered in 29 years of I.W. Country Club's Mini Pow-wows, the Auxiliary's annual member-guest tribal gathering. To their credit, none of the 174 players dropped out and all had war whoops and energy to spare at the awards luncheon held at the gaily decorated clubhouse.

Zella Nemer, chair, gathered the group for get-acquainted partying at Alice Bullard's fairway home before they split up into four flights. Aiding her throughout the following three days were such stalwarts as auxiliary president Wyn Fessendon, Lou Strothers, Tess Tumpane, Judy Mohler, Joyce Barker, Betty Mercier, Sally Werring, Laura Picking and Marilyn Smith. Dee Jackson and Jean Winsor provided firewater and snacks out on the hunting grounds.

Heavy metal prizes and one large trophy were Zella's reward to those who prevailed. Having their names engraved on the trophy were overall gross and net winners — Virgie Burger and Pat Hooper of Bermuda Dunes (gross) and Mary Andrews and partner Darlene Lee of La Quinta. Other big wins went to the teams of Pat Weaver and Liz Lett of Desert Island; Jane Sherwood and Mary Alice Monroe of La Quinta; Sally Werring and Barbara Chambers of The Springs; Bel Ritchie and Mary Ann Berry of Shadow Mountain; Tess Tumpane and Helen Williams of Benardo Heights; and, of course, many others.

Everyone won a tee prize, a compliment from Wyn Fessendon and a glass of bubbly from Maureen Garrett who fired off a hole-in-one during the heated tournament.

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Explicit sex scenes at the G-rated Living Desert? It was precisely that when the auxiliary presented Dr. Michael Dee, famed animal authority from the L.A. Zoo, showing and telling all about five species of rhinoceros. "Next time, we put up an 18 and older only sign," quipped president Barbara Bail to the fascinated mixed group that stayed on for refreshments and the introduction of new officers.

Floretta Lauber, one time mayor of Arcadia, announced as the new auxiliary president, was installed last night at a Western party held by the group at the Living Desert. L.D. trustee chair, Sherman Smith, handled the swearing-in, which also included new officers Dorothy Phelps, Barbara Filiatreux, Jean Burgner, Terry Hudson, Mona Livingstone, Elinor Neal and Jane Roberts. Western music, cocktails, Ed Benson's chili, a big raffle and a big hand for two-term former president, Barbara Vail, were highlights enjoyed by a large group of Living Desert supporters.

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Her Honor Floretta Lauber is also a big wheel with the Palm Desert Woman's Club, chairing an afternoon tea for some 135 members at Bermuda Dunes. Pondering the calories of strawberries dipped in white chocolate over the pleasures of petit fours, a voice seemed to say, "Frankly, my dears, I don't give a damn."

After all, it was Clark Gable's house — one that he had shared with Kathleen Spreckles Gable, his last wife. The charming '50s ranch house has been owned for some time by Irma Jury, who has preserved much of the furniture and memorabilia of the former owners Enjoying the nostalgia were president Dorothy Kandarian, Rita Silver Ginnie De Fever, Mary Valdora, Flo and Thomasina Griggs and others who well remember Gable as King — long before one Elvis inherited the title.

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But all is not over for Floretta Lauber — she'll be handling details this Saturday when the Desert 4 Republicans host their annual cocktail party at Casa Dorado in Indian Wells. Price $7 — reservations 340-2620.

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Drug linked to sudden infant death

NASHVILLE — A consumer advocacy group and several physicians are demanding that the federal government prevent non-prescription sales of Phenergan, a drug linked to sudden infant death syndrome.

Dr. Gerald Hickson, chief of pediatric outpatient services at Vanderbilt University, has documented several "near-miss" SIDS episodes associated with the drug Phenergan at the university's hospital over the past six years.

An account of at least two of those episodes will be published next month in Pediatrics, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Phenergan, available only with a prescription, has been approved for over-the-counter sales by the Food and Drug Administration. The drug is similar to a tranquilizer and is given for sedation and relief of cold symptoms.

NBC gets comedian for Saturday lineup

NEW YORK — NBC may be No. 1 in prime-time programming, but its Saturday morning lineup for children has long been in third place. The network hopes

Baby, look at you now

BLACK TIE: Christopher Bengel, 3, gets a little help from his mom, Barbara, with his tuxedo outfit ($85) at The Mary Helen Shop in Palm Springs.

Designer clothes are chic for infants

By JAN CURRAN
The Desert Sun

Shopping list:

☐Nike tennis shoes, $23.
☐bikini, $30.
☐bathing suit cover-up, $26.
☐safari shirt, $40.
☐short ruffled dress, $85.
☐white suit, $63.
☐tennis shorts, $45.
☐sequined T-shirt. $40.
☐Guess jump suit, $46.
☐Ferrari racing shirt. $42.
☐velour jogging suit, $80.

An adult shopping list? No. The items, and the prices, are haute

Play wear, costumes for toddlers, are popular in all the children's shops.

At Mary Helen's, a girls ballet costume, with matching wings, wand and crown sells for $51, and according to West it's difficult to keep them in stock.

Boys like to play cops and robbers. It's easier to pretend when mom or grandmother has purchased you a $40 uniform, complete with sewn on patch identifying you as an officer of the law.

"They buy the white and pearl dresses, with lots of ruffles," said Ulda Jimenez, owner of M & Y Magic Carousel and Fine Children's Boutique in Palm Springs. "The dresses are priced from $32 to $85."

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THE LIVING DESERT

June 15, 1989

Mrs. Floretta Lauber
Post Office Box 3565
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Dear Mrs. Lauber:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff of The Living Desert, I would like to welcome you as the new President of The Living Desert Auxiliary and thank you for your willingness to accept this important position as part of The Living Desert's volunteer organization. The Living Desert could not continue to grow and develop without the support of its many volunteers, both in the Auxiliary, the Docent Council as well as the Burrobush Whackers and our FOLD volunteers that help throughout the facility.

I am looking forward to working with you in developing this year's Auxiliary projects and goals. At the moment I am about to leave on our members tour to Kenya but when I return perhaps we can get together to talk about the role of the Auxiliary for the coming year.

Thank you again for being willing to provide your support to Living Desert in this important way.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen Sausman
Executive Director

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November 15, 1989

The Honorable Floretta Lauber, President
The Living Desert Reserve Auxiliary
P. O. Box 390
Palm Desert, California 92261

Dear Mayor Lauber:

For both Kandy and I, may I express our very sincere appreciation for being able to join you for your Auxiliary dinner.

Please extend my compliments to your organization for the excellent job they are doing not only for the Living Desert Reserve, but for the awareness of the desert ecology in general. Your message is a vital one for all of us who love and care for the desert.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone at the Living Desert Reserve a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

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BUFORD A. CRITES
MAYOR

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FROM THE AUXILIARY

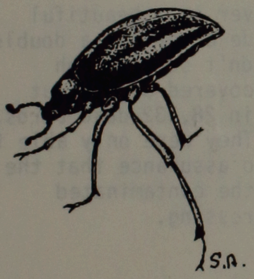
This promises to be an exciting year for the Auxiliary of The Living Desert. Our interesting monthly meetings, featuring diverse speakers, will continue to attract both staff and non-members. The Auxiliary hosts Living Desert events and staffs the bookstore and giftshop. We also fold and prepare the monthly newsletter, Fox Paws, for mailing.

You do not want to miss Oct. 23rd's Auxiliary Meeting. Karen Sausman is our guest speaker and she will be showing her slide program on her trip to Kenya. The meeting is at 2 p.m. in the Hoover Room of the Education Center and refreshments will be served.

Hold Nov. 14th open for our big holiday party for all Auxiliary members and staff.

As the new president of the Auxiliary, I would like to extend my personal invitation to join the Auxiliary. Together we can build this organization and meet our future goals.

Floretta Lauber, Auxiliary President



ADULT TOUR NOTES

For those of you who were unable to attend our Animal and Garden walks the first time around, you have another chance on Oct. 20 and 23. Jay will lead the Animal walk and Ruth, the Garden walk. These walks will refresh your memory, as well as tell you what is new. You will not want to miss them.

Meg Foley, Adult Tour Coordinator

EARTH NEWS

Trying to find inspiration for an article this month, I looked through all of the current issues of the conservation tabloids we collect. I even looked at some other popular magazines. What did I find?

Scientific American:
Special Issue - Managing the Planet Earth. Yet another entire magazine devoted to the current and possible state of the planet. Again, I read that the chemistry of the atmosphere is changing because of gases emitted by such human activities as farming, manufacturing and the combustion of fossil fuels (heating and cooking). They say that the earth owes its hospitable climate to the greenhouse effect, but now the effect threatens to get out of hand causing the earth to warm too rapidly causing untold serious problems. Then I am reminded that fresh water is in short supply in many areas, and that everywhere the quality is threatened by increasing amounts of organic wastes and industrial pollutants. These articles are followed by articles no less depressing about the loss of biodiversity and the threat from rapid increases in human populations.

Audubon:
Special Report - Wreck of the Exxon Valdez. On the cover is a beautiful photo of a sea otter relaxing in a kelp bed. The inside cover has a double page photo of a sea otter covered with oil (as if I hadn't seen enough already). At the end of July the entire rescue fleet covered only about five percent of the oiled areas and reported bringing in 28,332 dead birds, including 118 dead bald eagles, and 885 dead otters. They were only able to release a total of 627 birds and only 26 otters with no assurance that the released animals would continue to survive feeding in the contaminated waters. The photos are horrifying and the reports depressing.

GOOD NEWS! (Yes, it is still possible)

We found a new magazine that we will be watching closely with the unlikely title of GARBAGE. We have the first issue and it looks promising. Finally a magazine devoted to ACTION. How to design a kitchen for recycling, how to be alert to misleading recycling labels, what seafood is safe to eat, how to reduce garbage by saner supermarket shopping, etc. etc.

EARTH DAY - April 22, 1990

This is the best news ever. The Living Desert is planning a "Really Big" Earth Day Celebration. A colorful "fair" type atmosphere will set the stage for this family event. Visitors will be able to hear stories, listen to music, etc....More on this later.

Participating local groups will have some kind of interactive exhibit related to conservation. Recycled art, representatives from waste management, recycled paper making, recycling, etc. etc.... Watch for further developments.

J. C. Richardson, Education Assistant

FROM THE AUXILIARY

The opening meeting of the Living Desert Auxiliary on Oct. 22nd, brought out a full house of 50 members, spouses and guests. The group was welcomed by president, Floretta Lauber, and the board was introduced.

Barbara Vail, chairman of the holiday party, reported on the upcoming gala event. Remember, we urge all volunteers, staff and the Board of Trustees to be our guests. Please mark the date on your calendar and remember to RSVP.

The highlight of the meeting was the exciting program give by Executive Director, Karen Sausman, on her most recent trip to Kenya. Her photography of wildlife, especially the plumage on birds, was outstanding. Ms. Sausman was introduced by Barbara Filiatreaux, 2nd. vice president in charge of programs.

At the conclusion of the meeting, delicious refreshments were served by the co-chairmans of hospitality, Blanche Samalin and Marilyn Aguirre.

Our next Auxiliary Meeting will be Jan. 22, 1990. Please join us. And remember, we always need extra help folding Fox Paws. Our next folding dates and Nov. 21st and Dec. 19th at 9 a.m. I hope you will be there.

Floretta Lauber, Auxiliary President

ANIMAL DEPARTMENT THANK YOUS

Thank you for bringing us a cutting board and a honing stone. Also, thanks for the towels - we continue to need and use them.

NEWS FROM F.O.L.D.

In June 1987, The Living Desert Volunteer Program, F.O.L.D., was implemented under the able leadership of Jean Flynn as Volunteer Coordinator. Jean has elected to relinquish this responsibility to devote more time to her many other volunteer efforts at Living Desert (Outreach Docent, Burrobush Whacker, etc....) I, Joanne Muir, am the new Volunteer Coordinator with the added function of the staff liaison with the Auxiliary.

I expect to continue Jean's success and invite each of you to come in and introduce yourself and to see me about any questions or suggestions you may have for strengthening the F.O.L.D. program. My regular hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings, my desk is in the F.O.L.D. office in lower McManus building, my phone extension is 235.

This month I want to try a HELP WANTED column, to appear regularly in OWL EYES if it is useful. Please call me if you are interested in any of the following:

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

SALESPERSONS IN LIVING DESERT NURSERY

When: 11 AM to 1 PM any day Tuesday through Saturday
or any 3 to 4 hours Sunday and Monday

Requirements: Enjoy informal conversation with the public. Sales experience helpful but not necessary. No prior knowledge of plants is required, but an interest in gardening should be useful. The Garden Department will supply the information you may need to answer visitor's questions, sales procedures, and suggested projects to fill the slack time.

Note: This is an easy way to learn about landscape plants for our desert and a great opportunity to talk with our visitors.

SEAMSTRESS HELP WANTED

When: At your convenience at home.
What: Sew covers for equipment in Animal Department. Fabric will be supplied.
Requirements: Sewing machine and basic sewing skills.

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

When: 2 to 4 hours per week.
What: Scheduling appointments with prospective volunteers.
Requirements: Pleasant telephone manner. Secretarial experience helpful but not required.

FROM THE AUXILIARY

The March 26th meeting of the Auxiliary was one of the best yet. Mr. Michael Dee, from the L.A. Zoo, was a captivating speaker who kept even the non-rhinoceros-lovers entertained and informed. This is the second year that The Living Desert Auxiliary has brought in speakers from outside the area. It is an opportunity to learn and grow and I know that those who have been fortunate enough to hear these speakers consider themselves richer for the experience.

Before Mr. Dee spoke, we conducted a brief business meeting and the nominating committee presented the slate for the 1989-90 season. They are, as follows:

PRESIDENT	Floretta Lauber
1st VICE PRESIDENT (Membership)	Dorothy Phipps
2nd VICE PRESIDENT (Program)	Barbara Filiatreaux
3rd VICE PRESIDENT (Volunteers)	Terry Hudson
RECORDING SECRETARY	Monna Livingston
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Elena McDaniels
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE	Jean Burgner Jane Roberts

My sincere thanks to the nominating committee of Beth Peers, Barbara Filiatreaux, Ginger Guthrie, Ellene Browning, and Monna Livingston for their hard work in the producing this wonderful slate of new officers!

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

I hope that everyone has already called in their reservations for the Auxiliary's Annual Meeting...but...if there are a few of you out there who continue to procrastinate, pick up the phone NOW and call Jean Burgner at 345-0459, Barbara Filiatreaux at 341-2460, or Barbara Vail at 568-2474.

Monday, April 17 is the date and the theme will be western-casual. The no-host bar will be open from 5:30 to 6:30 and the pot-luck dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. We will be having the election and installation of the new officers, as reported at the March 27 meeting. And, of course, a raffle to raise money for our son, Dudley, the bighorn sheep!

I hope everyone will be able to attend this fun evening. For those of you who hesitate to drive at night, we will have a 7 passenger van available to transport you to and from the party. Call Barbara Vail at 568-2474 for details.

Do not forget that even though we are ending our Auxiliary season, the volunteer season continues until the middle of June, with help needed in staffing the Gift Shop. Many of our steady volunteers leave soon, so, if you haven't been able to work this season, but have a free half-day now, please call Terry Hudson at 346-8204 to volunteer. It will be music to her ears.

Barbara Vail
President and scribe-pro-tem

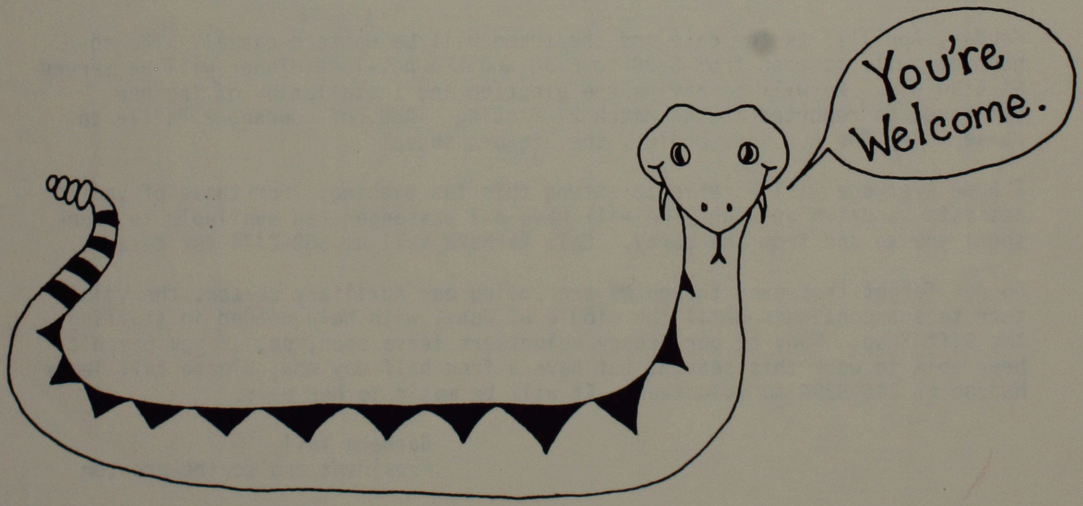
TO THE UNSUNG AMONG US

You know, there is a group of volunteers here at Living Desert who perform an absolutely vital role, and to my knowledge they have never been formally thanked. These tireless workers are here every day of the year, morning afternoon and evening, rain or shine, always ready to lend a hand - if they have one. Although a few have had to leave over the years for medical reasons, most are here year after year and we never have to train a new batch in the fall to keep up with the dropout rate. They always show up on their days, never calling in to say they can't make it because they have company, or a flat tire, or their plane is snowed in at the airport. I have personally seen them drop everything they were doing at a moment's notice and run out to do a Critter Close-Up or an Outreach as if it were no trouble at all. They sacrifice their privacy, their personal lives and often even their dignity and yet I have never heard one word of complaint. (Well, one of them did bite me once, but she did it in the nicest sort of way.) Without this group of selfless beings The Living Desert could not possibly be what it is today.

Can you guess who this group of volunteers is? The Volunteer(ed) Animals of course! Imagine what The Living Desert would be like without them! No Bird Program, no Critter Close-ups, School Programs consisting of just slide shows and tours of the Botanical Gardens only. (Of course the volunteer plants are another story entirely.)

So next time you see one of your fellow earthlings here doing his or her duty as only he or she can, shake his pedipalp or pat her on the carapace and say "Thanks!" (I would suggest you take one out to lunch or invite them all to the Potluck but unfortunately, it's against the rules.)

Lisa Conway, Education Assistant


You're Welcome.

AN ODE TO THE NATION'S VOLUNTEERS

[This article appeared in Erma Bombeck's newspaper columns across the country and certainly applies to our volunteers.]

I had a dream the other night that every volunteer in this country, disillusioned with the lack of compassion, had set sail for another country.

As I stood smiling on the pier, I shouted, "Goodbye, creamed chicken. Goodbye, phone committees. So long, Disease of the Month. No more saving old egg cartons. No more getting out the vote. Au revoir, playground duty, bake sales and three-hour meetings."

As the boat got smaller and they could no longer hear my shouts, I reflected, "Serves them right. A bunch of yes people. All they had to do was to put their tongue firmly against the roof of their mouth and make an o' sound. Nnnoooooo. Nnnnnnoooooo. Nnoo. No! No! It would certainly have spared them a lot of grief. Oh well, who needs them!"

The hospital was quiet as I passed it. Rooms were void of books, flowers and voices. The children's wing held no clowns, no laughter. The reception desk was vacant.

The home for the aged was like a tomb. The blind listened for a voice that never came. The infirm were imprisoned by wheels on a chair that never moved. Food grew cold on trays that would never reach the mouths of the hungry.

All the social agencies had closed their doors, unable to implement their programs from Scouting, recreation, drug control, Big Sisters, Big Brothers, YWCA, YMCA, the retarded, the crippled, the lonely and the abandoned.

The health agencies had a sign in the window: "Cures for cancer, muscular dystrophy, birth defects, multiple sclerosis, emphysema, sickle cell anemia, kidney disorders, heart diseases, etc. have been canceled due to a lack of interest. The schools were strangely quiet, with no field trips, no volunteer aides on the playground or in the classroom - as were the colleges, where scholarships and financial support were no more.

The flowers on the church altars withered and died. Children in day nurseries lifted their arms but there was no one to hold them in love. Alcoholics cried out in despair, but no one answered, and the poor had no recourse for health care or legal aid.

But the saddest part of the journey was the symphony hall, which was dark and would remain that way. So were the museums that had been built and stocked by volunteers with the art treasures of our times.

I fought in my sleep to regain a glimpse of the ship of volunteers just one more time. It was to be my last glimpse of civilization...as we were meant to be.

Joanne Muir, Volunteer Coordinator

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Auxiliary's pre-holiday party was a huge success with 164 guests attending. All of The Living Desert's departments were represented, including docents, bushwhackers, staff, trustees and auxiliary members. The Hoover Room of the Education Center was transformed into a festive holiday setting, with red table cloths, white mums and large red apples stuffed with white candles. A pre-dinner cocktail hour was held on Irvine Patio, giving guests time to greet each other.

My thanks and admiration go to board members, Barbara Vail, who chaired the party, assisted by Barbara Filiatreaux, Elinor Neil, Jane Roberts, Dorothy Phipps, Mona Livingston, Dorothy Luhrsen, Evelyn Goodbread, Marge Thompson and Blanche Samalin. They did a terrific job with great team work!

The Auxiliary also wishes to thank the supporting members who contributed food and money for the honey baked hams.

Ed Benson served as master of ceremonies and guests were greeted and introduced by the president of the Auxiliary.

Our next meeting will be January 22, 1990 at 2:00. The program is "Orchids in the Bush" by renowned orchidologist, Ruth Kennedy. If you are a member of The Living Desert, please join us for another interesting slide program and refreshments. Janine Allen (the bird lady) will be our speaker for the February 26th meeting. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss these fascinating speakers.

ATTENTION AUXILIARY BOARD MEMBERS:
Our next meeting is January 23, after the Fox Paws brown bag.

We hope that all of you had the happiest of holidays and that you are ready to start your year off by becoming involved in the Auxilary of The Living Desert!

Floretta K. Lauber, Auxiliary President

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You will receive notices of our interesting meetings & activities!

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The Newsletter of The Living Desert

May, 1989

Rare sand cat births at Living Desert

On April 2 while feeding the sand cats, keeper Diane Versteeg heard the faint cries of newborns. She cautiously lifted the den box lid and peeked inside; to her delight there were three small kittens tucked underneath the female sand cat. Living Desert had achieved a rare feat---the captive birth of sand cats. The trio were the first born at Living Desert.

It wasn't a total surprise. Several weeks ago the female began to look heavy, and her lower abdomen was palpated by our veterinarian who couldn't *feel* any kittens. "We were disappointed to hear she was just overweight, but elated to find that our initial prognosis was incorrect," Curator Terrie Correll said. "These new kittens are vital to the species, both in captivity and in the wild."

Sand cats are endangered in the wild and only 11 individuals (5 at Living Desert) are found in captivity in North America.

As a precautionary step, the male cat was removed from the exhibit. Even though our male cat is very calm, sometimes for unexplained reasons they may choose to injure or even kill their offspring. After the kittens have been weaned he will join the female.

The newborn kittens are approximately 10 inches in length including their tail, and are a dark tan color with black stripes. It will be several weeks before the kittens will be out exploring their surroundings. For the moment mom has them hidden in their den, safe from the visitors' view.

Education assistant Caroline Kolbert (far right) leads a group of sight-impaired individuals from the Braille Institute in Palm Springs on a recent tour of Living Desert's grounds. The tour was a "trial run" for new braille and large print guide books created in a joint effort between Living Desert and the Braille Institute. Kolbert and docents Ruth Kramer and Bob Kayser also introduced the group to the Discovery Room's many tactile exhibits and new raised labels. The project was funded by a thoughtful donation from Dr. and Mrs. Irving Kramer.

Chase gala a hit

The nearly three hundred guests at Steven Chase's gala on April 8 got a double measure of the legendary Chase hospitality—first at his smart new offices in Rancho Mirage and then at his beautiful home in Thunderbird Cove—to benefit his favorite charities, The Living Desert and Desert Aids. And thanks to our host's having underwritten the expenses for the $1000 a plate party, a very substantial donation will be made to the building fund for Eagle Canyon, Living Desert's major wildlife exhibit.

A champagne and caviar pre-party celebrated the opening of the new Steven Chase and Associates showroom; it was followed by a dinner distinguished not only by an elegant menu and array of fine wines, but by the setting itself: a hillside bathed in soft pastel lights, and tables for ten inside a fanciful "tent" outlined in soft-colored neon. A focal point of the party was the fashions of couturier Luis Estevez. Among the other attractions were close-ups with desert animals and dancing to the music of Ricardo & Co.

Because at press time we did not know what the event donation would be, it will be announced in our next issue of Fox Paws. Meanwhile, our grateful thanks to **Steven Chase** and the co-organizers of this extraordinary party, Living Desert's own **Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cone, Mr.** and **Mrs. Paul Jenkins** and **Mrs. William Powell.**

Auxiliary's annual meeting

The Living Desert Auxiliary held its annual meeting and installation of officers on the Education Center Patio, April 17. The new slate of officers are: President Floretta Lauber, 1st Vice President (Membership) Dorothy Phipps, 2nd Vice President (Program) Barbara Filiatreaux, and 3rd Vice President (Volunteers) Terry Hudson. Also installed were Monna Livingston as Recording Secretary, Elena McDaniels as Corresponding Secretary, and Jean Burgner and Jane Roberts as Members-At-Large.

A pot-luck supper was enjoyed by members and guests who were treated to a western theme decor. A raffle was held which collected enough money for the continued support of the Auxiliary's adopted bighorn sheep, Dudley, and their American kestrel.

This marks the end of the Auxiliary's "official" year, although their members continue to volunteer in several areas at The Living Desert year-round.

Gift shop sale

Don't miss the end-of-the-season sale at the Tortoise Shelf. A 25% discount will be given on all merchandise, excluding books, from June 1 through June 15. Watch for our new, expanded Tortoise Shelf, opening in September.

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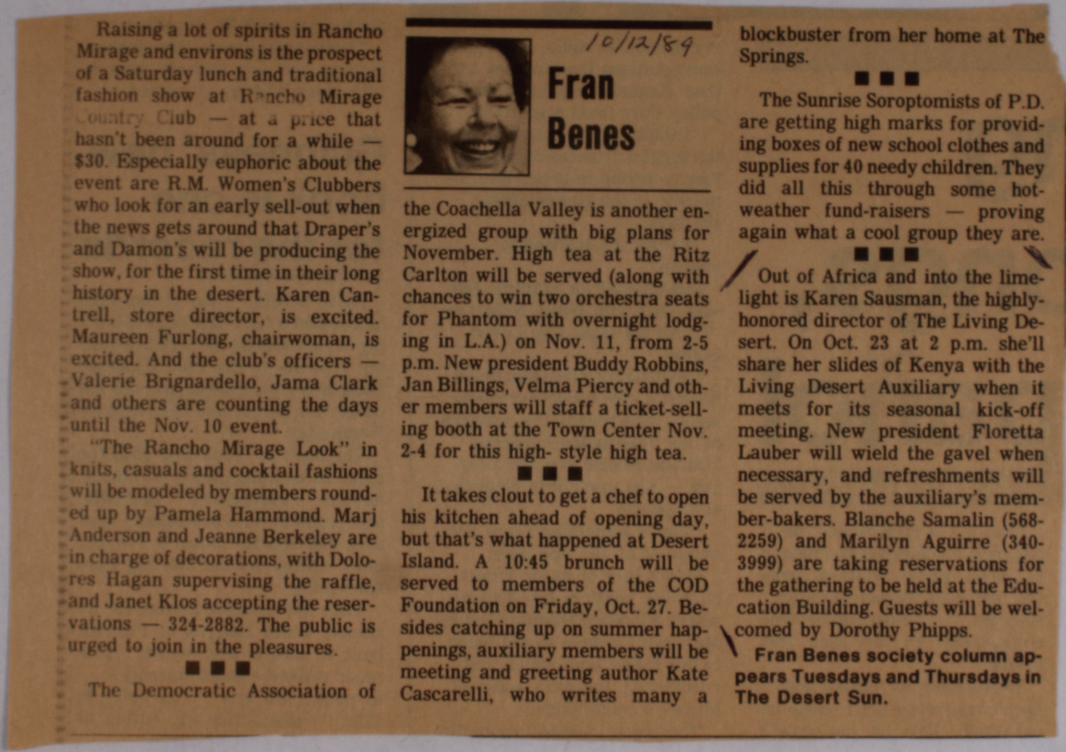

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Fran Benes

Raising a lot of spirits in Rancho Mirage and environs is the prospect of a Saturday lunch and traditional fashion show at Rancho Mirage Country Club — at a price that hasn't been around for a while — $30. Especially euphoric about the event are R.M. Women's Clubbers who look for an early sell-out when the news gets around that Draper's and Damon's will be producing the show, for the first time in their long history in the desert. Karen Cantrell, store director, is excited. Maureen Furlong, chairwoman, is excited. And the club's officers — Valerie Brignardello, Jama Clark and others are counting the days until the Nov. 10 event.

"The Rancho Mirage Look" in knits, casuals and cocktail fashions will be modeled by members rounded up by Pamela Hammond. Marj Anderson and Jeanne Berkeley are in charge of decorations, with Dolores Hagan supervising the raffle, and Janet Klos accepting the reservations — 324-2882. The public is urged to join in the pleasures.

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The Democratic Association of the Coachella Valley is another energized group with big plans for November. High tea at the Ritz Carlton will be served (along with chances to win two orchestra seats for Phantom with overnight lodging in L.A.) on Nov. 11, from 2-5 p.m. New president Buddy Robbins, Jan Billings, Velma Piercy and other members will staff a ticket-selling booth at the Town Center Nov. 2-4 for this high- style high tea.

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It takes clout to get a chef to open his kitchen ahead of opening day, but that's what happened at Desert Island. A 10:45 brunch will be served to members of the COD Foundation on Friday, Oct. 27. Besides catching up on summer happenings, auxiliary members will be meeting and greeting author Kate Cascarelli, who writes many a blockbuster from her home at The Springs.

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The Sunrise Soroptomists of P.D. are getting high marks for providing boxes of new school clothes and supplies for 40 needy children. They did all this through some hot-weather fund-raisers — proving again what a cool group they are.

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Out of Africa and into the limelight is Karen Sausman, the highly-honored director of The Living Desert. On Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. she'll share her slides of Kenya with the Living Desert Auxiliary when it meets for its seasonal kick-off meeting. New president Floretta Lauber will wield the gavel when necessary, and refreshments will be served by the auxiliary's member-bakers. Blanche Samalin (568-2259) and Marilyn Aguirre (340-3999) are taking reservations for the gathering to be held at the Education Building. Guests will be welcomed by Dorothy Phipps.

Fran Benes society column appears Tuesdays and Thursdays in The Desert Sun.

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"I'm not a rock singer, but I can sing contemporary music a la Lionel Richie, Whitney Houston and even Donna Summer," she says. ". . . When you become complacent, to me that gets boring."

Performing for Latino audiences has forced her to keep her act fresh. "They let you know if

is common on radio, American radio stations tend to stick to their English-language format, a policy Carr finds regrettable.

"I think Latino artists have the biggest frustration because they're trying to break into the market in the United States," she says.

"I think it's starting to happen."

She cites as an example Iglesias' duet with Willie Nelson on "To All the Girls I've Loved Before."

Unwittingly, Carr has found herself a role model for many artists. She recalls the remarks of one Venezualan musician: "Do you realize you are a legend — you made it in English and Spanish."

"That's something I was not aware of at all," she says.

Carr's love of music stems from her youth in Los Angeles, where Florence Bisenta Casillas Martinez Cardona would listen to her father and uncles sing *rancheras,* the gutsy songs of Mexico's countryside.

The young woman eventually

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ninth place with $1.15 million.

"Turner and Hooch," the slobbering-dog and cop comedy, was in 10th place with $1.13 million.

Guinness' new book is one for the records

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An 11-foot-high hairdo and a first-rate chin-balancing act are among the tidbits awaiting readers of the 1990 Guinness Book of World Records, which went on the market for inquisitive minds Wednesday.

The book is "exploding with the most astounding facts of nature, human endurance, scientific achievement, entertainment, business and sports," notes a low-key news release by the Sterling Publishing Co.

Take that beehive hairdo, for instance. Team Hairfax of Fairfax, built it onto a wig. Wendy Villasenor walked around wearing it — in public, no less — on July 29, 1989, "without the wig tilting or